

**REMARKS**

Applicants elect species IV (A throttle valve with a gear of resin material) upon which independent claim 4 and new dependent claims 1-3 and 5-11 are readable.

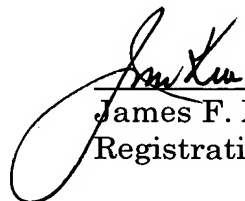
An early action on the merits is now currently solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 056203.49700C2).

Respectfully submitted,

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